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## Amendments to the Specification

Please revise the last paragraph of the specification as follows:

Within the scope of the invention it is also conceivable to have, instead of a flexible element such as a steel cable, a rigid telescoping element 16, which is pivotally joined (or welded) to the respective arms at either or both ends 17. Both parts of the element can be pushed together when they are subjected to a compressive force. Here the advantages of the rigid fixation are lost, however.

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